

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Washington D.C.

**MEETING WITH:**

Bristol Bay United - Sportsmen, Commercial Fishermen, Alaskan Native Leaders with the Bristol Bay Native Corporation, and Conservationists.

DATE: Thursday December, 19 2013

LOCATION: Alm Conference Room

MEETING TIME: 4:00 PM

I. PURPOSE

The group desires to introduce Bristol Bay United (BBU), a broad-based coalition focused on Protecting Bristol Bay whose steering committee consists of senior executives from Bristol Bay Native Corporation (BBNC), Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay, and Trout Unlimited. This group is concerned that large-scale mining in the Bristol Bay watershed, most notably the proposed Pebble Mine, will adversely impact the Bristol Bay, particularly the Bay's valuable fishery resources. These concerns prompted the member groups to petition EPA, in 2010, to utilize its authority under Clean Water Act Section 404(c) to protect Bristol Bay from the adverse impacts of large-scale mining.

It is expected that this group will press you for details on EPA's finalization of the Bristol Bay Assessment and encourage expediting its release. They will also stress their desire for EPA to initiate a regulatory action (as soon as the Assessment is released) to protect Bristol Bay's fishery resources from the adverse impacts of large-scale mining.

II. PARTICIPANTS

Attendees

- Shoren Brown, President and CEO, Bristol Bay United.
- Jason Metrokin, CEO, Bristol Bay Native Corporation
- Bob Waldrop, Executive Director, Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association
- Tim Bristol, Director of Alaska Programs, Trout Unlimited
- Peter Van Tuyn, Outside Counsel to Bristol Bay Native Corporation
- Juan Hinojosa, Director of Federal Relations, Strategies360
- Wayne Natri, Co-President, E4 Strategic Solutions, Inc.

Staff

- **YOU**
- Dennis McLerran, RA R10 (invited, may be on phone)
- Arvin Ganesan, AO
- Ken Kopocis, OW

- David Evans, Palmer Hough, OW/OWOW
- Jeff Frithsen, ORD
- Richard Parkin, Sheila Eckman, R10 (invited, may be on phone)

### III. AGENDA

Please provide a bulleted meeting agenda, highlighting the Administrator's/Deputy Administrator's role. The Administrator's/Deputy Administrator's role is typically highlighted by capitalizing and bolding references to her/him, as follows:

- **You or Arvin** will start the meeting by welcoming the participants and initiating introductions
- **Wayne Nastri** (former R9 RA and currently a consultant working for BBU) will initiate the meeting and provide background context
  - EPA has met numerous times over the past three years with these groups and with these representatives
- **Nastri** will highlight BBU's two asks:
  - Finalize the Bristol Bay Assessment
  - After release of the final assessment, expeditiously initiate an advance 404(c) action
- **You** will respond:
  - The assessment will be released in early January
  - No decisions regarding policy or regulatory actions, have been made nor will any be made until after the final assessment is released
- **Nastri and other BBU reps** will likely highlight communications efforts they are planning associated with release of the final assessment

### IV. PRESS

The meeting will not be open to the press.

### V. TALKING POINTS

- I appreciate the opportunity to meet with representatives of Sportsmen, Commercial Fishermen, Alaskan Native Leaders with the Bristol Bay Native Corporation, and Conservationists and hear your concerns.
- I appreciate your high level of interest and engagement in this effort and I particularly appreciate your traveling so far to share your thoughts with me.
- In response to your two asks:
  - Our goal has been to finalize the assessment in 2013 and we are working diligently to produce a final report. We do not yet have a final release date but, due largely to the government shutdown, we now expect it to be released sometime in early-mid January.

- EPA has consistently stated that we would make no decision on responding to the 404(c) petitions until after the assessment is finalized. The agency has made no decision on a regulatory action.

## VII. ATTACHMENTS

N/A